proper person to be reappointed as Managing Director of the Company. The complaint is being looked into.

हजीरा बिजयपुर जगदीशपुर पाइप लाइन से खाना पकाने की गैस की आपूर्ति

3039. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :
श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी :
श्री रशीद मसूद :

क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने हजीरा बिजयपुर जगदीशपुर पाइप-लाइन से खाना पकाने की गैस की आपूर्ति के लिये एक योजना तैयार की है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है और इस योजना के कब तक कार्यान्वित किये जाने की संभावना है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्म दत्त) : (क) और (ख) गैस अथारिटी आफ इंडिया लिमिटेड ने मध्य प्रदेश के बिजयपुर नामक स्थान पर एल०पी०जी०-कम-प्रोपेन निकालने के एक संयंत्र की स्थापना के लिये एक प्रस्ताव सरकार को प्रस्तुत किया है । सरकार द्वारा इसकी जांच की जा रही है ।

Requests pending for cooking gas outlets

3040. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of requests for opening of cooking gas retail outlets are pending with Government;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the steps taken 'by Government to open these outlets immediately?

THE MINISTER OP STATE OF THE ■ MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Applications in respect oi 408 cases of LPG distributorships were pending with the four Oil Selection Boards as on the 1st October, 1987. The Board-wise details are given below:

i. Oil Selection Board (Na	148
2. Oil Selection Board (South)	91
3. On Selection Beard (East)	43
4.Oil Selection Board (West)	126
TOTAL	408

(c) These Oil Selection Boards aad become inoperative after June, 1986 on expiry of the terms of their incumbents; they have since been re-tituted and have become func-al. It is hoped that the process of selection would now be expedited.

Exploration for petrol and natural gas in, M.P.

3041. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM ' AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken any exploration for petroleum and natural gas in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the results of such exploration; and

(c) if tbe reply to part (b) above be in the negative, whether Governrnent propose to undertake such exploration in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Based on the results of the exploratory, surveys, three locations have been identified for drilling at Anhoni, Tamia and Dewari, for collecting further information on the subsurface geology and hydrocarbon prospect of the area.

(c) Does not arise.

ABL Company

3042. SHRI VEERSHETTY MOG LAPPA KUSHNOOR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

Ca) whether it is a fact that ABL Company, which has two units manufacturing boilers at Shahbad (Karnataka) and Durgapur (West Bengal) has approached the High Court . of Bombay for liquidation of the Company;

(b) whether it is not a fact that if the company goes into liquidation then more than 6,000 employees and their dependents will have to starve, which might ultimately lead to law 'and order situation in the concerned State;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Central Government to revive the units;

(d) whether it is a fact that various State Electricity Boards have placed orders with ABL for the manufacture of boilers; if so, what is the total number of boilers which have been ordered and what is their construction cost; 'and

(e) how the delay of these boilers affect the production of power and direct and indirect loss to the States and the country for not supplying the boilers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (e) M/s. ACC-Babcock Ltd. filed a petition with the Bombay High Court, in October, 198 for voluntary liquidation due to hug accumulated losses and paucit; of orders. The two units of the Com pany are lying closed since then. Gov ernment have considered the propo sai for rehabilitation of the condpan; on the basis of a package prepared b; IDBI. This has been found, on exami nation, to be not blankable. The tota value of various orders which wen to be executed by the company wa R--. 197.00 crores. (approx.) Government have come to the conclusior that efforts must first be concentratec on completion of orders pending with the company.

3043. *[Transferred tothe 8th December,* 1987]

जिला उद्योग केन्द्र

3044. श्री जगदम्बा प्रसाद यादव : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने जिला उद्योग केन्द्रों के कार्य-निष्पादन का मूल्यांकन किया है ; यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौर क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो सरकार ऐसा कब तक करने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि इन केन्द्रों को दक्षिण-पश्चिम भारत में तो कुछ सफलता प्राप्त हुई है परन्तु बिहार जैसे राज्यों में विफलता ही प्राप्त हुई है और इसी कारण से सहायक, लघु स्तरीय कुटीर और महौले उद्योग राज्य में विकसित नहीं हो पाये ; और

(ग) इस संबंध में सरकार क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में औद्योगिक विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एस० अरुणाचलम्) : (क) से (ग) जिला उद्योग केन्द्र कार्यक्रम का मूल्यांकन करने का कार्य देश की 5 प्रतिष्ठित संस्थाओं को सौंपा गया है । वे देश के विभिन्न राज्यों में इस कार्यक्रम का गहन मूल्यांकन करेंगे । इससे देश के विभिन्न राज्यों में हुई इस योजना